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Dear Sirs:

I write this letter to state that I oppose the negotiated Microsoft settlement. Here are my reasons.

(1) Microsoft is guilty of monopolistic practices, yet the settlement encourages the extension of that monopoly into schools--one of the few areas where they still have non-trivial competition.

(2) The settlement is not punitive. The cost of providing software is negligible to Microsoft and, in the end, they will probably profit by eventually charging the schools upgrade fees for their "free" software. This is a variation on the scheme they used to corner the spreadsheet, word processing and browser markets.

(3) The settlement does nothing to correct the wrong created by Microsoft's criminal actions, and does little to keep them from doing the same things in the future.

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